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NOVEL HYDRATE FORMS OF ALENDRONATE  
SODIUM, PROCESSES FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF,  
AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. \* 1.56(b).
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